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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Helen Diane Richart, who passed away on February 10, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Richart was born in Chicago in 1924 to Gioacchino and Elisa (nee Spapperi) Fusciani; she attended Rezin Orr Elementary School and graduated from Austin High School in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, After high school, Helen Richart worked in bookkeeping in downtown Chicago and was active in the Young People's Club of Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church; in 1954, she married Milton Hawkins and they settled in Prospect Heights; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Richart was active in church and school organizations, including St. John's Episcopal Church and John Hersey High School; she also worked part-time; after being widowed in 1969, she returned to working full-time in bookkeeping; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Richart married Joseph Richart in 1977 and moved to Harvard; they were active in many organizations, including the Moose Club, the Northwest Sailing Association,

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1 the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, and the Upper Keys Sailing  
2 Club in Key Largo; and

3 WHEREAS, Helen Richart enjoyed square dancing with the  
4 Woodstock Squares and entertaining and hosting family  
5 gatherings; she and her husband were avid sailors, often  
6 cruising on Lake Michigan and Florida Bay; they also made trips  
7 on the Mississippi and in the Caribbean; for more than 20  
8 years, they were winter residents in Key Largo, Florida, and  
9 more recently, New Smyrna Beach, Florida; and

10 WHEREAS, Helen Richart was preceded in death by her sister,  
11 Rita Aiello; and

12 WHEREAS, Helen Richart is survived by her husband, Joseph;  
13 her daughter, Diane Hawkins; and her son, David Hawkins;  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Helen Diane Richart, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Helen Richart as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.